Nebraska Athletic Commission Policy for Mixed Martial Art Bout Stoppage Due to Injury

Purpose

To clarify how bout results will be recorded when a bout is stopped due to injury.

Definitions

Technical decision means the official result of a bout when the bout is stopped due to injury before the scheduled end, and one contestant is awarded the win.

Technical draw means the official result of a bout when a bout is stopped due to injury before the scheduled end, and no contestant is determined to be the winner.

Accidental foul means a foul committed by a contestant, but determined by the referee to have been an unintentional act.

Intentional foul means a foul committed by a contestant that the referee determines was done on purpose.

Procedure

- A) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of a legal maneuver is severe enough to terminate a bout, the injured contestant loses by technical knockout.
- B) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul, as determined by the referee, is severe enough to terminate a bout, the contestant causing the injury loses by disqualification.
- C) If an injury is sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul, as determined by the referee, and the bout is allowed to continue, the referee shall notify the scorekeeper to automatically deduct two points from the contestant who committed the foul.
- D) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an intentional foul, as determined by the referee, causes the injured contestant to be unable to continue at a subsequent point in the contest, the injured contestant shall win by technical decision, if he or she is ahead on the score cards. If the injured contestant is even or behind on the score cards at the time of stoppage, the outcome of the bout shall be declared a technical draw.
- E) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an accidental foul, as determined by the referee, is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a no contest if stopped before two rounds have been completed in a three round bout or if stopped before three rounds have been completed in a five round bout.
- F) If an injury sustained during competition as a result of an accidental foul, as determined by the referee, is severe enough for the referee to stop the bout immediately, the bout shall result in a technical decision awarded to the contestant who is ahead on the score cards at the time the bout is stopped only when the bout is stopped after two rounds of a three round bout, or three rounds of a five round bout have been completed.

G) Incomplete rounds should be scored utilizing the same criteria as the scoring of other rounds up to the point said incomplete round is stopped.

This policy is issued pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-361 and 81-8,139.

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